

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Here we are at the end of April and Summer is just round the corner. Plenty of good weather to take all things Classic on the road!

Since the last letter went out, I have to report some sad news, one of our long standing members has sadly passed away, namely Dan Michel. I have known Danny for many a year and Dan's tales of working at Fred Le Gros's garage will be with me until I die. He could spin a yarn that could take all day to tell. When Dan phoned you had to be prepared for a very long call, but we shall miss him, he was one of Jersey's characters who are few and far between these days. I wish to extend sympathy from myself, Pam and all the members of the Club to Martyn, Colleen and all the



Family. Rest in Peace Dan, we all loved you.

Danny's funeral will be taking place at the Crematorium, Royal Jersey Show-ground, Trinity on Tuesday May 12th at 2.30pm. Martyn has asked if Club members can gather with their classic cars, parking either side of the main doors on the paved area, cars facing forward, leaving 2 spaces from Frank's car with the Club's Flag. **Please be in situ no later than 2pm.** Please go inside.

I wish to also send "Get Well" wishes to all members who have recently had a spell in hospital. Pam and I wish you all speedy recoveries and hope you are feeling more yourselves very soon.

NEW MEMBERS

I welcome all new members who have joined the club since the last newsletter was circulated, namely Angela and Andrew Pearce. I hope that you will come along and join in the many events that are organised during the year.

SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETINGS

The March meeting was held at L'Auberge (The Farm House), Route du Nord. It was a great success as the carpark was full. What a wonderful turn-out and I appreciate your support. We met outside but most of you managed to squeeze in the upstairs room or downstairs in the small bar.



In April we were back at St Clement where we had another well supported event, more details later in the letter. The next meeting will be on Sunday May 31st at 10.30am, venue St Clement's Parish Hall.

VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

In March it was the lovely **Morris 1000** belonging to Jim Paton who claimed the Vehicle of the Month prize.



J136941 was previously MAM553F and first registered in June 1968. I bought it from the estate of South Wales Morris Minors after the owner passed away. Driving it from Swansea to Portsmouth with no fuel gauge was a leap of faith but without



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a hitch. Once the fuel sender was changed, she flew through the DVS check. A few weeks later we took her on her first and hopefully many more French rallies. These were curtailed by Covid and sadly some have not returned to their former glory days. With ease of spare parts availability and easy to work on, the Morris Minor is a great little car, either as an introduction to Classic motoring or as an everyday run around.

Regards Jim.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

There are still 20 plus who have not paid their subscription to date. Please can you let me or Alan Michel know if you do not wish to continue membership in order that we can amend the records. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

COFFEE MORNING - JERSEY PEARL, St Ouen, second Tuesday of the Month, from 10am.

I hope you all enjoyed your chat in April, as I wasn't there I can't report on that. We meet again on Tuesday May 12th and I look forward to seeing you all there.

SATURDAY APRIL 4th – EASTER RUN and AFTERNOON TEA

We all met at the Pallot's Steam Museum and at least 20 cars set off in glorious weather and enjoyed a very picturesque Spring drive in the countryside. I am grateful to Alan and Collette for taking pictures, Collette was not able to join us for tea as she had another appointment. However, she will be there for the Liberation Afternoon Tea.



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The tea at Jersey Pearl was delicious and the service was spot on. The award for the best decorated vehicle was given to Nigel Harris and his partner Jan for their excellent Jeep Wrangler. They were presented with a voucher from Bruno's Bakery, courtesy of Bruno who has given the Club several vouchers to be awarded as prizes, at our discretion. "Thank you" Bruno and congratulation to Nigel and Jan.



PRACTICAL CLASSICS MAGAZINE – Sunday April 19th

I don't think I need say a lot, the pictures will tell the story. What a magnificent turn-out from everyone 40 plus cars and 38 tractors. James Walshe, the Sub Editor of the Practical Classics magazine was overcome by the enthusiasm of everyone he met and so impressed with the fact that so many of you work on your own cars, tractors, motorcycles etc. He has told us that nowadays it is so seldom that you find a Club that has so many members that are hands on.

His holiday was extended by the bad weather and his ferry being cancelled. He hasn't minded one bit as it has given him an opportunity of meeting with some of you after the event and having a one to one in your workshops. I think that James will extend his article to articles in several issues of Practical Classics, keep a look out for the issue in six weeks time!

His partner, Heather had never been to the island and took the opportunity of doing the Park Run on the Saturday. She was most impressed with the island, the scenery and beautiful bays. I think they will definitely be visiting again, James didn't finish speaking to everyone on the Sunday so he wants to come back to see the ones who missed an interview.



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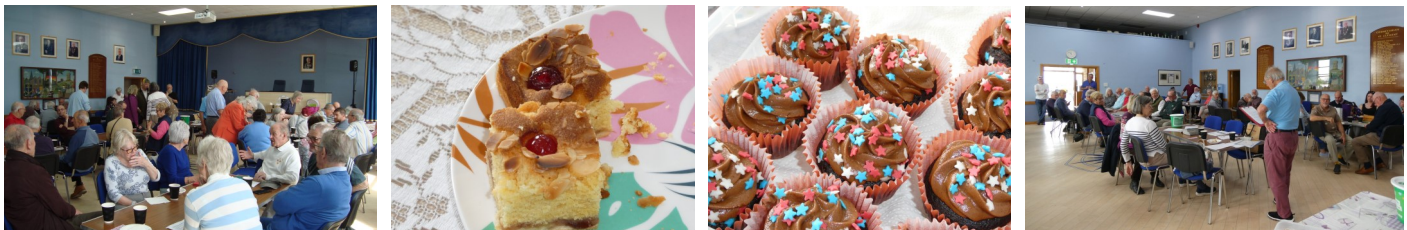
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DRIVE IT DAY – SUNDAY APRIL 26th and April Monthly Meeting

This has been a very popular event this year as all the plates have sold out. As reported all the plate money that we spent will be sent back to the NSPCC Jersey Branch, this total is £547.50. Donations in the bucket amounted to £344.70 and Paul Abraham kindly sent a donation of £50 to the NSPCC. The grand total is £942.50 which will all remain for the Jersey Branch of the NSPCC. On behalf of the Club I wish to thank you all for your generosity.



I wish to also thank Angela Taylor for making her wonderful Bakewell tart and Claire Cloarec for donating some delicious gluten free Chocolate Cupcakes. There were an array of delicious cakes on offer during the morning and once again thank you to our wonderful team of ladies and gentlemen who help in the kitchen serving up the teas and coffees each month.

The cars set off for the Drive just after 12 noon and we enjoyed another Run in the countryside. This time it wasn't the snowdrops that caught our attention in the hedgerows it was the wonderful array of spring flowers – red campion, buttercups, blue bells, primroses, violets and wisteria flowing down the walls and balconies of the many houses we passed.



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APRIL'S VEHICLE OF THE MONTH

Robert MacRae's Morris 1000 Convertible



I bought my Morris minor - which is a blue convertible with a cream hood - in 2016. I had always wanted a Minor convertible and my dad had a Minor saloon in the 1970s. It was green and we all loved it.

I thought I didn't know much about its history but I do know that it is an

original convertible from the chassis number and that it was built in 1965. I have looked at the bundle of papers that came with it for the first time and see that it was subject to a restoration in Bedfordshire at Harlington Morris Minors in 1991. I have the invoice which says that it was stripped down to the bare chassis, four new steel wings were fitted, the engine rebuilt with new disc brakes, trim, chrome work and so on. It was sold to a man from Inverness.



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The man from Inverness had a lot of additional work done in 1999 by a Classic and vintage car restoration service in that city. This seems to have included a new engine as well as a lot of ancillary work. It had MOTs up to 2005. It was first registered in Jersey in 2006 having spent - it seems - a year in the Isle of Man first.

See you soon. Thank you for the award for the car!

Best - Robert

I think that is all from me!

Frank Laurens

LIBERATION RUN and AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday May 16th

This year we have decided to do a Run to celebrate Liberation and include an Afternoon Tea. The Drive will begin at Lakeside Care Home at about 1.30pm, but please gather in the lower carpark from about 12.30pm as the Care Home will be providing tea, coffee and snacks. When we leave we shall turn right into the top carpark of Lakeside Pavilion where we shall stop for 15 minutes in order that those residents can view the vehicles. The Drive will continue to include a loop into the carpark of Jersey War Tunnels, we won't stop, and will end with Afternoon Tea at Maison des Landes, St Ouen at 3pm. The tea is priced at £17.50 and a flyer is enclosed or attached please return slip with payment to Pam Laurens, Cyrano, Elizabeth Close, St Brelade, Jersey JE3 8GY by **Monday May 11th**.

Please decorate your vehicles with flags and bunting to celebrate 81 years of Liberation! A prize will be awarded to the best decorated vehicle.

Frank and I wish to thank Angela Taylor for liaising with Lakeside Care Home for the permission to use their carpark. We are very grateful as it is sometimes difficult to find a suitable area large enough to park the cars and we wish to thank them for their very generous hospitality.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FÊTE – SATURDAY MAY 25th 11am to 4pm

As reported in the last newsletter St John's Church Fête is taking place on the May Bank Holiday. The Club has been asked to display a small group of vehicles. It will be 9 or 10 at the most as they only have a small area to use beside the Church and Village Stores.

The Fête will be open to the public from 11am to 4pm but vehicles must be parked by 10.30am and must remain on site for the day.

John du Heaume and Jim Paton are in charge of this event and they haven't heard from many of you to date. Please can you get in touch with them as soon as you can in order that they can get an idea of the space required.

Please contact John du Heaume on 07797827864 or email: johnduhaume@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to join the group. Jim's Mobile number is 07797760312 and I thank you in advance for this. It should be a very pleasant few hours as there will be lots going on in and around St John's Village.

Sunbeam Rapier Normandy Spring Trip 2026

There will be 15 from the Club going on this trip and I am sure we shall have a very enjoyable time. I know we shan't have Danny but I am sure he will be there in spirit and we shall raise a glass to him. He will be up in his Classic cloud chatting away to Fred Le Gros about all that is going on down here and they will be putting the World to right between them. A report of the trip will be in a future newsletter.

JERSEY INTERNATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL – JUNE 3rd - 7th inclusive

This year there will be an extra day of Spectacular Motoring Celebrations in St. Helier. In an exciting new addition for 2026, the festival will begin with a special launch event in the heart of town on Wednesday 3rd June. This opening celebration will feature a parade of the public's favourite vehicles from the festival, making their way through the streets of St. Helier.



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The Club is also booked again for this important event in our calendar taking place on the top and lower Parks, St Helier.

Alex Salmon has been in touch and asked if you wish to buy a special Festival plate for your vehicle. They will be £9 this year and I need to know by Monday May 9th if you wish me to order one for you.

I also wish to know if you will be taking part in the static display on the Saturday and Sunday as space can be limited. PLEASE CAN YOU LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

There will be the Cavalcade on Thursday evening, please can you let me know if you wish to take part in this in order that we know how many vehicles to expect.

Don't forget to vote on Sunday June 7th, you don't have to vote for everyone just vote for the ones you are sure will do the job! You can vote by Post, Pre-Poll at St Paul's Centre or on Election day(8am to 8pm).

JCVC MERCHANDISE

Mick de Sousa has assorted merchandise for sale to Club members. The following are available for sale and he usually has them with him at the monthly meetings and he will also have them with him during the Festival days on the Park : Lapel Badge - £2.50, Car Screen badge - £1, Tractor Screen Badge £1, Grill Badge - £31 and Left and Right Hand flags - £5 each and key rings - £3. Please phone Mick if you need any on 01534 725859 or email mdesousa1962@hotmail.com

That is all from me - Happy and Safe Motoring
Pam Laurens

Tractor Run – Sunday 19th April 2026...

Thirty Six gents and one lady along with their magnificent machines, some seen for the first time as well as many trusted regular ones along with several family, friends and spectators met at Grosnez Farm, home-stead of The Malzard Family {Andy, Ali, Victoria & Jason} & Vibert Family {Ken & Beryl} where the first run of the season began.

Bacon rolls, teas and coffees were prepared and served by The Scooby Shack Team curtesy of 'The Club' whilst all had the chance to have a look around the whole site which is the home to Malzard Racing & Livery Yard and the newly formed company of Malzard & Son Agricultural Contractors. Much to see for all whether it be animals and/or some of the finest agricultural equipment ever seen on this Island.

Huge thanks to Team Malzard & Vibert for opening up and allowing all to see what they are about – good luck for the new season ahead on all fronts...

After the normal briefing which encouraged folk to donate to the wonderful cause of Hospice, enjoy the trip, lookout for each other and in general, appreciate the actual areas we travel through – after all we live in one of the most wonderful places on this planet!!!

The weather was absolutely 'spot on', something which made this trip way out west all the more enjoyable. Mick & I also decided not to pre plan the route {due to lack of time} so we just went where the roads took us deciding an end venue and time to finish by...



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We had a brief stop at Jersey Pearl enroute to meet our fellow club members who were having a 'Meet & Greet' session with James Walshe and his partner. James is Deputy Editor of Practical Classics magazine so an ideal way to introduce him to what our club is all about so to speak. On reflection I think we did a pretty good job as the range of vehicles on show was amazing so thank you to all for turning out and smiling...

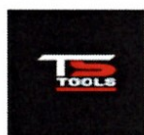
Vic In The Valley carpark was the end of the run destination using a full complement of our road network through the western parishes of St. Ouen and St. Peter touching vaguely into St. Lawrence. Huge thanks once again to the 'Road Marshalls' whom are used to my 'waving arm signals' as where to and where not to perch themselves thus allowing a continuous flow – for some reason or other this system does work rather well {lol}!!!

On arriving a few of us participated in a little beverage before heading off – in our opinion a sure sign of the event being 'ok' is the time taken to leave at the end, in this case no one was in a hurry to leave as there were many groups having a chat and generally appreciating being outside and around fine machines without a doubt...

Next tractor run planned for Sunday 17th May – starting point to be confirmed closer to the time

Keep at it...

Thanks - Mick & Toots



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